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THE DRY CAMPUS DILEMMA

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By Shoshana Hebshi

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'I have taken more out of alcohol than alcohol has taken out of me.'

Sir Winston Churchill, 1947

The Utilidor project's abundant orange fences aren't the only new and confusing changes at Cal Poly. The alcohol policy that once enforced a completely alcohol-free, or dry, campus has been revised within the last year and prompted uncertainties and disagreements within the university.

When the university, community and individual sponsors joined to build the Performing Arts Center (PAC), they asked Cal Poly administrators to change their existing alcohol policy. Investors wanted wine and beer to be sold at performances and at Vista Grande restaurant across the street on Grand Avenue.

This request sparked serious evaluation and controversy over the policy and its effect on the campus.

But Cal Poly hasn't been a completely dry campus since 1980, and students and administrators researched the history surrounding the existing policy. They discussed what would happen if the



Daily file photo

Public notice on the PAC earlier this year.

policy changed to permit the sale of alcohol at the PAC and Vista Grande restaurant.

According to Robert Griffin, associate executive director of Foundation, Cal Poly marked itself as a dry campus from its beginning in 1901. Julian McPhee, Cal Poly's first president, held strong feelings about alcohol and didn't allow any on campus property — especially hard liquor.

A law was later added to the California state penal code prohibiting liquor sales within a certain radius of the campus. The law has since been modified to no longer include areas outside of campus.

Griffin added that up until current Cal Poly President Warren Baker came in 1980, all the previous presidents remained consistent with McPhee's dry campus policy.

Baker changed the policy to allow exception to the general prohibition

for private catered functions on campus.

Baker said that with this amendment, organizations that previously left campus to hold functions now had the convenience of entertaining and hosting events on campus — and they could serve wine and beer.

"The committee recommended to me that we adjust the policy, (so) that through approval, alcohol could be served on campus at functions," Baker said. "It would have to be done on a case-by-case basis to recognize guidelines that were put in place."

In order for any alcohol to be served at a function, the president or his designee must personally approve it.

Over the last 17 years, Baker said that the alcohol policy has allowed an average of two to three on-campus receptions a month for alumni, faculty and other meetings and dinners.

"The campus was dry in a sense that we never applied for a license to sell alcohol to the public," he added.

Not many people knew or even today know that these catered events on campus serve alcohol.

Ben Beesley, associate director of the alumni relations, said that the alumni association hosts three events on campus each year that serve alcohol. For their homecoming pre-game festivities, they join the athletics department in a roped-off beer garden-type gala near Mustang Stadium.

Beesley said that the alcohol "enhances the atmosphere. If it's wine it might make the class level of the environment a little higher. It's never been taken advantage of, and it's very much monitored through campus catering.

"It's something that's a part of the culture and might be expected."

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Daily photo by Dawn Kalmar

DRY CAMPUS? Cal Poly's Mustang Stampede athletic fund holds pre-game receptions like this one in Mott Gym for boosters and guests. The group has received permission to serve alcohol.

ALCOHOL : Universities in California such as Long Beach State, St. Mary's

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Beesley added.

The Mustang Athletic Fund, also known as the boosters, is composed of alumni, parents and friends who donate financial support to Cal Poly athletics. Like the alumni, they also hold pre-game festivities upstairs in Mott Gym.

Each evening before a home men's basketball game, as many as 200 boosters gather and beer is served. Chris Del Conte, Mustang Athletic Fund director, said only about 50 beers end up being popped open during each reception.

"It's not a booze thing," Del Conte said, as he sat in his office lined with cases of Coors beer.

Daniel Howard-Greene, executive assistant to the president, said the boosters received approval to serve alcohol at this year's and next year's receptions.

"The alcohol is in a room that is set apart from the athletic contest itself," he said. "It's a for-members-only type of event that's carefully managed and controlled and run responsibly."

Booster members can also bring one guest with them to each function.

Cal Poly Athletic Director John McCutcheon said the boosters' receptions are closely monitored.

"We have people at the entrance to the room who are there to verify ages of people coming into the room,"

McCutcheon said. "They check people (for identification) who look as if they are not of age."

But a source, who wishes to remain anonymous for employment security, said that he attended a boosters' reception in December as a guest. The 20-year old student was not checked for identification before he drank a beer with the club.

"The reception was filled with a bunch of adults," the source said, adding that it never got out of control. "People were just hanging out."

McCutcheon said this was an oversight on the club's part, and such situations don't usually happen.

Beesley added that underage people don't attend alumni functions, especially if alcohol is present. But there is no check-point for identification at their functions.

When the PAC opened in September it became the first and only place on campus where alcohol could be sold to the general public.

Before the PAC was completed, the Central Coast Performing Arts Center

Commission proposed that the university allow alcohol sales at events.

Baker said that if the PAC couldn't sell alcohol on campus it would have to have been built

hol to the public at the PAC," he said. "The element that was forgotten was good, solid student consultation. The president is clearly between a rock and a hard place."

whole idea to sell alcohol sprung from inquisitive people who toured the center before it opened.

"They were really interested in (whether or not we would serve wine)," he said. "It's something that patrons of the arts are able to get when they go to world-class facilities, and I think it's fair that this is a facility that fits into that category."

Howard-Greene said that because of the unique partnership between the university and the community, the PAC has a regional mission and attracts special performances that normally would not come to the Central Coast.

"We have to look at (the PAC) differently, than any other part of the university," he said.

"When the commission got the request to authorize service, President Baker viewed it in the context of a larger regional issue and determined that it was appropriate to establish that alcohol policy to help facilitate the operations at the PAC."

According to Regier, the alcohol sales at the PAC have been going smoothly.

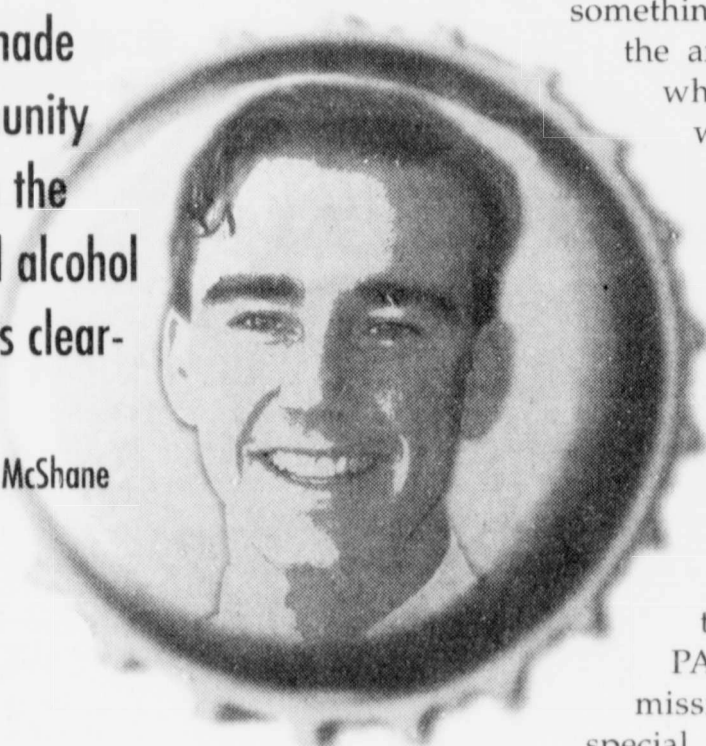
"People seem to enjoy it," he said. "There haven't been any problems that have been reported to me. Nobody's been unruly as a result of (alcohol) or have been in any accidents."

Regier said the people who serve the alcohol are trained by Public Safety to recognize when someone is "inebriated" and also how to check someone's identification.

A request to serve alcohol must be administered at each individual performance. Regier said a request won't be approved if a Cal Poly student group puts on the performance, or if the expected audience primarily consists of students. He

"The president did say to me that he made a gentleman's agreement with the community that the administration wouldn't stand in the way if an application was received to sell alcohol to the public at the PAC....The president is clearly between a rock and a hard place."

~ASI President Steve McShane



A third revision to the alcohol policy was made in June 1996 to incorporate sales at the PAC and Vista Grande restaurant.

The policy now reads, "Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on the campus is prohibited. Exception to this policy may be granted by the president or his designee to allow the service (sale or non-sale) of alcoholic beverages under the established guidelines" (Campus Administrative Manual 270.1).

In another revision, Vista Grande has recently been excluded from offering the sale and the PAC continues the service for theater-goers.

Ron Regier, managing director of the PAC, maintains that alcohol usually accompanies performances at venues like the PAC and is more or less expected by patrons.

"In my eight years at the Cal Poly Theatre, no one ever asked me if we were able to serve wine at the intermission there," Regier said. "Nobody cared, and it was because it was a small college auditorium as opposed to a world-class PAC."

Regier explained that the

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estimated that out of the 70 total performances so far, about half have had alcohol served.

Regier said the PAC has set up specific guidelines to limit the amount of alcohol that patrons can consume. He said alcohol is only served during a 20-minute intermission and in that span of time it would be difficult for someone to wait in line, drink a few drinks and then get back into line before the intermission ended.

There is also a two-drink limit per customer. Patrons also are not allowed to exit the building with alcohol during intermission.

"If someone wanted to go out and get drunk they wouldn't pay \$25 for a ticket at the PAC and then buy a glass of wine," Regier said. "That's not the point. It's not a bar."

McShane said he doesn't agree with allowing alcohol sales on campus.

"We believe that if you step over the line a little bit more and say that you're going to sell it to the general public you are clearly not a dry campus," he said. "I'm in favor of returning Cal Poly's traditional position

or stance of keeping this campus free from the sale of alcohol to the general public."

ASI Board member Amanda Bailey sat on an ad hoc committee fall quarter that researched the alcohol policy and its relationship to the PAC. Bailey said that after hearing McShane report negative student feedback on the alcohol sales, the committee set out to hear more student input. They surveyed

that alcohol was not needed to encourage customers to choose Vista Grande before an event.

"I don't think that people go to the PAC to have a glass of wine," she said. "It's kind of an added benefit."

Bailey recalled the time when she attended a performance at the PAC and she saw a "substantial" amount of people in line to get drinks.

tion said that he was "opposed to the general policy of public sale of alcohol on campus..."

He didn't approve the event and added that "it is my position that our policy should be consistent with the educational mission of the institution and should foster responsible attitudes towards alcohol."

Bailey said, "It's kind of the other way around now.

President Baker is saying that we want to serve alcohol and the students are saying no."

Howard-Greene said he feels that the sales are legitimate at the PAC.

"I think that students will come to understand it's a reasonable practice," he said.

The PAC is operating on a day-to-day license from the Alcohol Beverage Control board (ABC) and has applied for a permanent license. A hearing is scheduled in six months and protests can be heard there.

Griffin said that if the permanent license is rejected, then Baker will re-evaluate whether alcohol will, in fact, continue to be served.

On other campuses such as Stanford University, alcohol policies aren't so strict. In fact, Assistant Director of Student Affairs Heather Dunn said the campus has a coffeehouse in the student union that sells wine and beer and operates under California state law. Dunn said alcohol consumption in the coffeehouse is relatively popular among students but isn't a heavy focus.

"I think students are adults and can make responsible choices," she said.

At Saint Mary's College, a private Catholic school in Moraga, students are allowed to have alcohol in their dorm rooms as long as they're 21 years old or more. The campus also has a room that used to be called The Pub, but it has been converted into a cafe/restaurant that still serves beer.

At Long Beach State, an Associated Student representative said that a popular spot on campus that serves beer and wine is "The Nugget."

Cal Poly may be unique in that no alcohol is served to the general public in a bar or pub on campus, but many people, students and non-students, find that type of business unnecessary.

"It's not appropriate for a university to have a pub open all day long and to serve alcohol to the general public," Baker said. "We don't want to do that.

We have the largest residential population in the California State University system and they are all too young. So it's consistent in our view not to have the sale of alcohol in a cafe or a pub on campus. That's the rationale that goes back 25 years."

Bailey agreed with Baker. "The mission of the university is to teach, not to provide alcohol," she said.

"I think (the policy) was fine when nobody knew about it and it wasn't an issue. By opening up the PAC, and the whole amount of publicity it's gotten, it's like students are aware of it now and they're mad. I feel comfortable not having (alcohol) on campus," she said.

The new Cal Poly sports complex is in the works, and Cal Poly has received large donations for it from individual donors like major league baseball player Ozzie Smith. Cal Poly is also working to become partners with the city in this venture.

Baker will not allow alcohol at Mustang Stadium, Mott Gym and other big sporting events including at the sports complex.

"The sports complex is different in a sense that this is primarily a joint effort between Rec Sports, the city and the university through private funds," Baker said.

Howard-Greene assured that Baker has made it very clear that he doesn't view the sale of alcohol at the PAC as a precedent for other events on campus to sell alcohol.

"It's a different kind of event," Howard-Greene added. "I think the athletic events are events that draw more of a family-type crowd."

He said that no one had even requested alcohol service at athletic events so there hasn't been a detailed response to any.

No rules are set in stone and change constantly revolves around Cal Poly. McShane said that no case is closed and if students feel passionate about an issue ASI will hear it.

Drinking alcohol has been a greatly controversial topic for years. The U.S. Congress even went so far as to ban it for over a decade.

ASI has put the issue aside and Foundation awaits ABC's decision over the permanent alcohol license for the PAC.

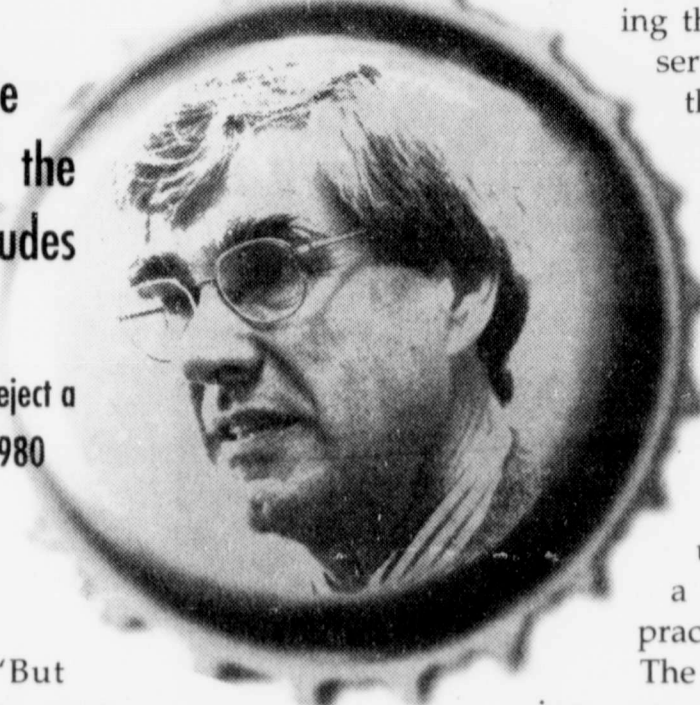
'In heaven there is no beer, that is why we drink beer here.'

Anonymous polka song

Tomorrow Mustang Daily will present the second part of its series on alcohol with a look at drinking in the dorms.

"It is my position that our policy should be consistent with the educational mission of the institution and should foster responsible attitudes towards alcohol."

—Cal Poly President Warren Baker on his decision to reject a request to sell alcohol for a Poly Royal barbecue in 1980



"But there were a lot of people that didn't want (drinks)," she said. "There were even people that I talked to that said 'I don't want (to drink) because it's on campus.'"

Regier said that he has heard both positive and negative viewpoints from people concerning the alcohol sales.

"There's good logic on both sides," he said. "There are people with good intentions. Given the nature of this facility, given the limited amount of opportunity that's provided for people to consume alcohol here, and given the fact that Cal Poly is not a dry campus as people have said, I don't see (selling alcohol) as a major deal."

McShane said he thinks that selling alcohol is a big deal to the university and to students.

"The policy says that alcohol possession and consumption is strictly prohibited on campus, yet they want to go so far as to say 'except for the people that can afford to buy a ticket or can go to the PAC and then pay for alcohol,'" he said.

Bailey's ad hoc committee findings showed that an overwhelming majority of the students surveyed wanted "consistency in the university approach to sale and consumption of alcohol on campus."

"If it is to be served at the PAC and Vista Grande restaurant then the students should be allowed to consume alcohol on campus, although the majority of the students felt that alcohol should not be served on campus," the committee's report stated.

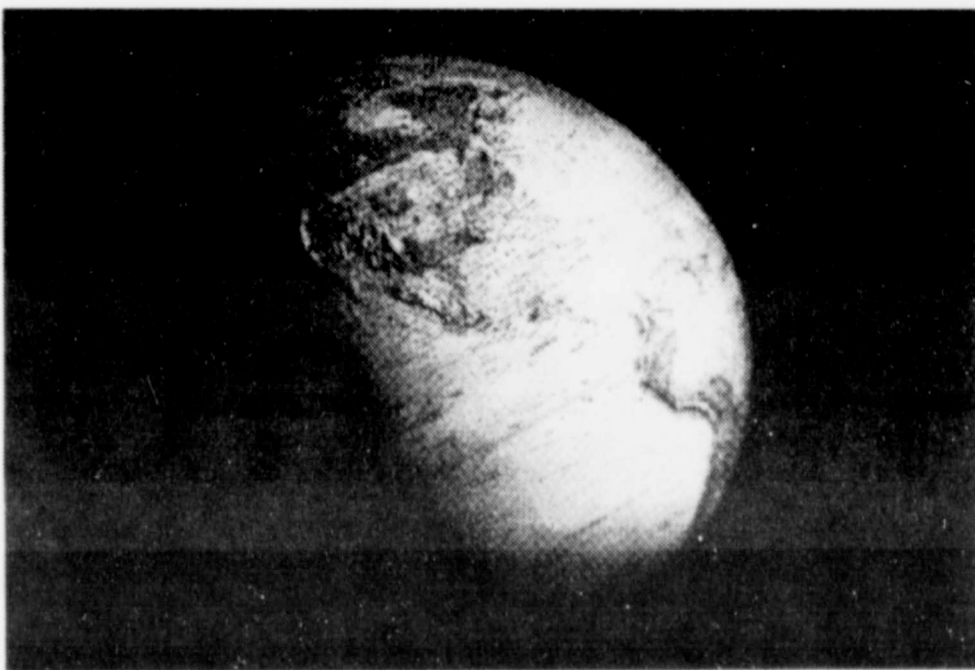
Bailey said that committee member Tiffany Marshall found a resolution passed by the Board of Directors in 1980 to allow the sale of alcohol at the Poly Royal Steak Barbecue in Poly Grove that was rejected.

Baker's reply to the resolu-

all the college councils, including club representatives and presidents, and found that 54 percent of the students stood firmly against the sales at the PAC.

"We also talked to people who worked at Vista Grande," she said. "They said that by not serving alcohol, their business hasn't been affected with the number of people going to the performances."

The committee also found



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The Christian Right is neither right nor Christian. Discuss.

DAWN PILLSBURY

We seem to be having Christian problems. Not with most of 'em, I'll grant you, but those that are troublesome really know how to ruin your day.

COLUMN

In Atlanta, we have the Army of God members running around blowing up things, and people, with nail bombs. First the Olympics, then an abortion clinic, then a gay and lesbian nightclub. All right, they *claim* to be running around blowing things up. We don't know if they really are or just want to take credit for it. When the FBI catches them, they'll probably change their tune and go all New Testament peace, light and happiness.

Then there's Duane Gish and the we-didn't-come-from-monkeys-we-didn't-we-didn't-we-didn't crowd. Goddess bless them. I'm tempted to show up at the talk with a shovel and invite Gish to go out and bury dinosaur bones with me to deceive all the scientists.

Then there's the anti-abortion folks. They're upset because the government is telling women that they can take massive doses of some kinds of birth control pills as a morning-after method of birth control. They say it's just like abortion. Well, those types have never been much good at scientific, factual-type stuff. I recommended some interesting books to a fundie I met at Farmers Market. He held up his Bible and said, "This is all the reading I need." I still shudder to think about it.

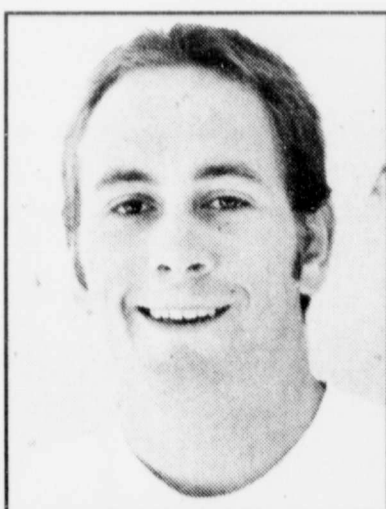
Oh yes, the "God said it, I believe it, that does it" crowd certainly has a way with the truth. My biology teacher is anticipating the righties objecting to our studies of evolution and has been laying the groundwork for the scientific proof to come. One can tell he's had a lot of creationist troubles in the past. I think he knows that they've already made up their minds and won't consider any other options.

Yup, for them the Earth was created 5,000 years ago, witches should be burned at the stake and Pat Buchanan is a fine presidential candidate. Some of them, including my sister-in-law to be, still think that Dungeons & Dragons leads to devil worship. Well, apparently the folks at TSR (the company that puts out D&D) had enough and took the demons and devils out of the second edition of the game. Apparently nobody got the point that the evil creatures were there so the player characters could fight them. Nowhere in any of the D&D materials that I've read (and I've been playing for 12 years) is there any description about how to worship them. The materials only describe their combat abilities, vulnerabilities, etc. Oh well, just another example that the Christian Right is neither.

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IN YOUR WORDS

Should campus be wet or dry and why?



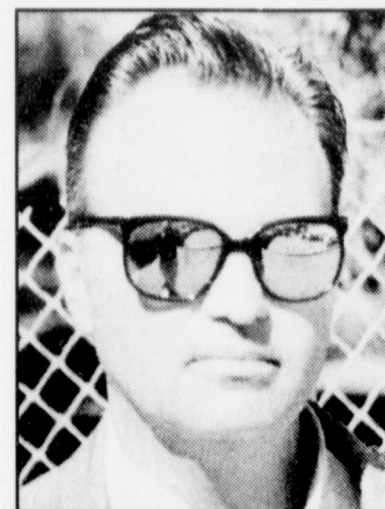
"Wet because it offers the campus a variety of money-making opportunities."

Ryan Roe,
Biology junior



"It should be dry. I think there should be a separation between studies and partying."

Marcy Woods,
Liberal studies junior



"Dry because there are too many temptations already."

David Purgason,
Chemistry senior



"It would be safer if students could drink in the dorms because they wouldn't have to drive or worry about getting home."

Andrea Crosby,
Human development freshman



"Wet so that we won't be cold in the winter."

Sean Cavanaugh,
Philosophy sophomore



"It should be wet because people need to learn responsibility and how to handle themselves around it."

Rachel Weishahn,
Industrial engineering senior

INTOXICATING NEWS

Drug and alcohol team wants your questions

Hey students of Cal Poly, the AOD team news column is back. The former AOD Spirit is now Intoxicating News. It's a new year, new team, new title and new writers.

So, let's get this party started off with a bang. What is the purpose for most parties? To meet new and intriguing people, of course.

Party question 1: What's your name?

We're the Alcohol and Other Drugs Team, one of five teams of the Student Health Network. But you can call us AOD, all our friends do.

Party question 2: Where have you been all my life?

We're located downstairs in the Health Center and you're always welcome to stop in and see us.

Party question 3: What can you do for me?

We can answer all your alcohol and drug-related questions. We offer a variety of brochures and workshops. And of course, there are the one-on-one consultations which are always confidential.

Party question 4: What are your digits?

756-5252. Feel free to call us any time - between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., that is.

Now that you know a little bit about us, we want to learn about you. We want to hear all your questions pertaining to alcohol and other drugs. Yes, this monthly article is dedicated to you, the Cal Poly student, to answer all your questions and concerns. Don't be shy, we're students also and know that alcohol and drugs are an issue that concerns everyone. Our goal is to provide you with information about side effects, partying smart, the law and much more. We are not here to lecture, we get enough of that in class. Our main concern is to keep you aware and...dare we say it?...educated.

Okay, here's the deal. We know it takes a little incentive to motivate students to do any extra work, but we really want your questions. It's simple - write your question on a piece of paper and drop it in one of two boxes: the Intoxicating News box at the front counter of the Student Health Network or the "Letters to the Editor" box in the Mustang Daily office (just mark it AOD).

We would like to keep the questions anonymous, but with some sort of identification. Why you ask? For that little incentive we mentioned earlier. The author of the question used in the

next article will get a prize. Drum roll please....a one-year Ride-On pass. To pick up this wonderful partying gift, we ask that you include the last four digits of your student ID number with your question. An envelope will be placed at the front desk of the Student Health Network, located downstairs from the Health Center, with your ID on it after the article is published. Just come on down and pick it up.

For those of you who are not aware of what a Ride-On pass is, it's your ticket to a safe ride home. Thursday through Saturday, a small bus will pick you up anywhere in SLO and take you to the address on your card. With this pass, you can get free rides home for a year. And for all those who don't have the award-winning question, you can buy your pass for \$6 at the ASI ticket window in front of the Rec Center.

Well the party is over for this week, but there will be another party here next month. Remember, you're all invited and we hope to hear from you soon.

Jennifer Dwyer and Marie Stahura are members of the AOD team.

MUSTANG DAILY

"Thanks Franco. I was looking forward to seeing the house come down."

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Keep us dry – it's the principle

POINT MATT BERGER

I'm taking a speech 201 class this quarter, (in fact, tomorrow this commentary will double as a speech of argument so if you see any organizational errors be sure to write me a letter) and I have noticed a common theme that occurs when my classmates get up to deliver a speech. Their nerves seem to take over and the usually easy-going Joe becomes a drab, jittery lecturer.

But imagine how entertaining those speeches would be if before class students had the opportunity to take the edge off with a few beers. Just head over to Backstage Pizza for some dollar draft specials to settle the nerves. I'd have to say the speeches would probably improve, or at least become a little more entertaining.

Unfortunately this scenario would not be as successful if it were applied to the students enrolled in agricultural systems management 141, introduction to tractor driving. I don't know if I would want to be tilling the same fields as an accelerator-happy agriculture major with a few Budweisers under his belt.

So this brings us to the difficult but necessary question of where we draw the line when it comes to serving alcohol on campus. This dilemma encompasses more than just classes and the daily lives of students. It applies to every VIP guest, booster, preferred donor and theater goer that steps foot on our campus (and that's suggesting that they were able to avoid the detours of Utilidor).

Cal Poly has been defined "dry" since the days of our ruling forefathers, such as

Julian McPhee in 1901, and without a doubt was designed to include everyone related to the university with a heartbeat, and President Warren Baker, too.

Lately lines have been drawn dividing this issue. On one side you have a bunch of screaming sober students demanding equality, and on the other there lies the drunk and jolly boozers that rationalize their actions because they so righteously contribute to the funding of this school.

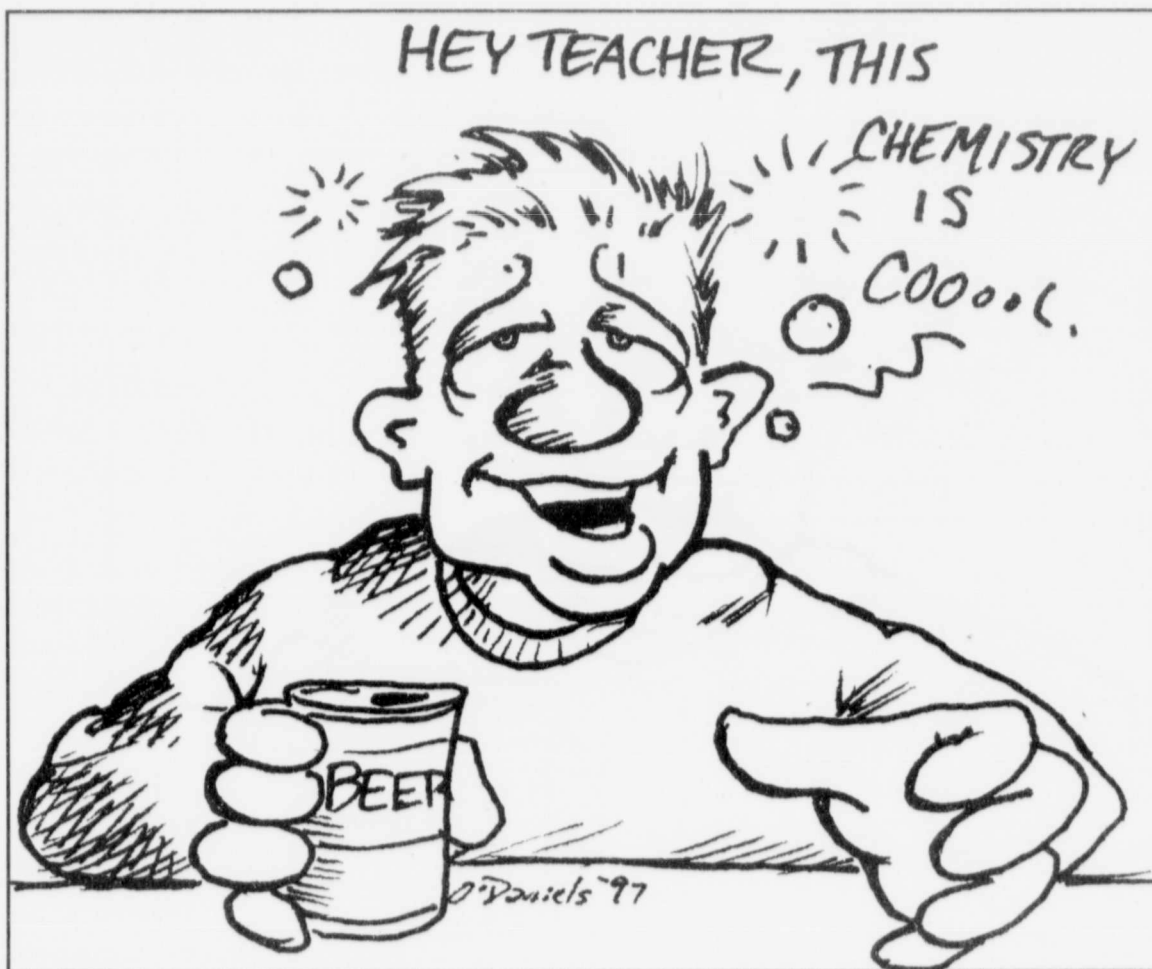
To resolve the issue fairly we must look at the mission of this university and its interpretation of three valid issues relating to campus sobriety: consistency, policy and principle.

We can immediately rule out consistency as an argument, unless you're talking about fee increases and road detours. And policy doesn't hold much ground considering Baker has the right to make his own, which he illustrated in 1980 when he allowed faculty events to be catered with beer and wine. But it would be a grave mistake to rule out principle.

Unfortunately, it seems lately principle doesn't go too far.

I just want to know when Baker and the rest of his administration decided it was ethical to overlook principle. And I mean this in the sense of practice what you preach. If public safety and the administration are going to stress "no tolerance" to students, then the same should go for anyone else on campus aching for the juice.

I commend the student body for their tolerance of a dry campus. I also commend them for waiting until they are off campus to tap the keg. An informal survey of 85 students conducted by an ASI ad hoc committee showed that the majority of students were against the permits at the Performing Arts Center and Vista Grande



Restaurant. Now that's consistency, good policy and respect for principle.

But I condemn Baker and the invisible men behind Foundation for allowing the alcohol permit for the PAC to go through despite student opinion because this campus was founded on the idea of dryness which should be upheld without exception, or not at all.

For students, the campus is dry, unless they are of the age and planing to attend the Victor Borge concert in March, or they get the opportunity to schmooze with the boosters before a basketball game.

For the lucky alumni who actually feel obliged to donate to their alma mater or attend sporting events it's not a dry campus. And for the pseudo-sophisticated theater goers forking out top dollar at the

PAC, it's only dry because the lines for drinks at intermission are so long you don't have time to get loopy.

In the end, we're all hypocrites. I know my experience so far at Cal Poly has not been very dry, and I'm sure many students can agree, but I'd like you all to imagine what school would be like — or your liver for that matter — if alcohol was even more accessible.

In reality, Cal Poly was designed as a learning institution, and students are here to learn in a comfortable, clear-headed environment. After a few swigs of fire water I can honestly say my head's not too clear anymore.

Matt Berger is Mustang Daily's Arts Weekly editor.

Alcohol: the unifying bond for college students everywhere

COUNTERPOINT ALAN DUNTON

I don't care what college or university you go to. Whether it's an Ivy League back east, a University of California on the west coast, or any one of the zillion state

universities everywhere else, alcohol is a part of your life. There's no escaping the fact that alcohol, in a beer, wine or liquor state is the driving factor behind 99 percent of all social situations found in college environments. Don't argue with me, it's true. Need proof? Okay, on a Friday night, find a sober driver and cruise

around our model college town of San Luis Obispo. Upon your first sighting of college students, say a group of freshmen meandering down Foothill Blvd., I would bet that at least half of the group is intoxicated. The other half of the group is pissed off at the drunk half because they drank all the beer at the first party, which is why they're walking around trying to find the next party.

After observing the effects of alcohol on minors, and inexperienced consumers of the social sauce, you decide to navigate your vehicle to a place where drinking serves a dual purpose. You pull up to a fraternity house.

Fraternities, long ago, dedicated huge portions of their dues to the scientific research regarding the effects that alcohol specifically has on the females of our population. Fraternity boys, along with becoming intoxicated themselves, except of course on Christmas, desire to intoxicate women in an attempt to lower the girls' inhibitions. The tricky part, and this is where the bulk of their money was spent, was in trying to figure out how much alcohol it takes to get a girl drunk enough, but not too drunk where she will become a vomiting mess. I do apologize if any of this offends anyone in the greek system. Please understand that I am not in the greek system, do not have any desire to be in the greek system and do not know all of the benefits and privileges one gets from being greek. I merely am

writing about what I personally have observed at this school and others like it.

Alcohol, in the college setting, is used as a medium to relieve stress after a grueling week of finals, to celebrate an "A" on a midterm, to somehow bring friends closer together and to make the awkwardness stemming from interactions with the opposite sex seem less severe. Students at Cal Poly are no different from students at any other school, we all drink and we all have our own reasons. Personally, I drink in moderation, except of course when visiting friends at U.C. Santa Barbara where the student population is more concerned with keeping their college among the top five party colleges in the nation, rather than selecting majors and graduation dates.

Alcohol doesn't entirely deserve a bad rap, though. We shouldn't allow some misuse to ruin its reputation for the rest of us weekend warriors. Wouldn't it be awesome if while watching Cal Poly's basketball team continue to climb the ranks you could suck down a nice cold one? I think if we got a bunch of rowdy, buzzed Poly students and jammed them into Mott Gym, crowd interest would skyrocket and as a result our team would play better. Also, think of all the extra money Cal Poly would generate from the sale of alcohol, we might finally be able to pay somebody to put the school back together again. If alcohol was readily available here think about how cool that would be.

In conclusion, it seems silly to call Cal Poly a dry campus, or any other campus for that matter, when just about everybody and their brothers drink while in college. I say let's discontinue this facade Poly has about its students and let the beer flow like wine.

Alan Dunton is a journalism junior and Daily staff writer.



New forest user fee program will impact local recreation

By Jennifer Burk
Daily Staff Writer

During the past five years, many forest roads, campgrounds and picnic areas have been closed due to lack of adequate funding for up-keep. As a result, ASI's Escape Route is raising its prices to accommodate the new fee charged to all cars entering Southern California's National Forests.

"We'll have to raise the cost of our outings about \$2 a person," materials engineering junior Steve Schueneman said. "(The National Forests') budget is shrinking every year, so I understand that they have to do something."

The four Southern California National Forests, including Los Padres, Angeles, Cleveland, and San Bernadino, recorded an average 30 percent budget decrease in the past two years.

Therefore, Congress authorized the Forest Service to implement a 30-month user-generated cost recovery pilot program. According to Gina Thompson of the Santa Lucia Ranger District, the pilot program scheduled to begin in spring will test the feasibility of

recovering the costs of providing improved recreation services by collecting an additional fee. The pilot will be effective through Sept. 30, 1999.

The four Southern California National Forests are participating in the pilot program as one test site, referred to collectively as the Enterprise Forest. These forests cover land from southern Monterey to the Mexican border, and can be accessed by more than 150 roads. Many of these roads are accessible through San Luis Obispo County, from Highway 41 south to the border of Santa Barbara County.

Locally, the Los Padres National Forest, which includes the Cuesta Grade, attracts five to eight million visitors a year. The third largest national forest in California, it attracts mainly day users for hiking, biking and outdoor vehicle riding.

According to U.S. Forest Service spokesman Jim Youngson, most San Luis Obispo residents visit the forest for recreational day use, not big backpacking trips.

Passes for the areas will be sold at Forest Service offices and local vendors for \$5 per carload or \$30 annually. There is no

maximum number of people per car. Passes can be used at any of the four Southern California National Forests.

The program's goal is to get existing public services and facilities up to standard. The fees collected will be used for backlogged repairs, maintenance projects, interpretation, signs, habitat or facility enhancement and resource protection.

In the past, all fees collected went to the U.S. Treasury. But a provision in the fee legislation calls for 80 percent of the new fees to stay in the area where they were collected. The other 20 percent will be made available for recreation improvement at the regional level.

According to Youngson, this is a radical idea.

"It will have a direct impact on the visitors," Youngson said. "We want input from the public. We need to know if they are happy with the improvements being made with their money."

According to Thompson, visitors will be asked to respond to surveys asking for their thoughts on the pilot program.

Greeks under fire: Fraternities find codes infernal in many ways

By Melinda Marks
The Daily Californian (UC-Berkeley)

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. — More than five years ago, a lit cigarette on a couch touched off a fire that ravaged the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity house, killing three UC Berkeley students.

In the wake of the incident, the Berkeley fire department cracked down on fraternity houses that failed to meet fire codes requiring sprinkler systems.

As a result, the fire department instituted a set of guidelines in 1992 that gave fraternity and sorority houses five years to install sprinkler systems within their houses. The deadline for compliance was Feb. 1.

"(The ordinance) has been resisted," said Paul Burastero, Berkeley assistant fire chief. "We gave them a five-year window of opportunity, but there are fraternity houses that still are not adhering to the codes."

Twelve of the 37 fraternities are currently in non-compliance, said Berkeley fire chief Lucky Thomas. The fire department sent letters to the Greek chapters Friday, citing them for the violations and requesting that the houses seek extensions or take immediate action to install the sprinkler systems. In April, fire marshals plan to inspect houses that have not responded to the violation notices, demanding that the fraternity members comply within 15 days or vacate the establishment.

Fraternities cited for non-compliance include Alpha Epsilon Phi, Chi Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Sigma Phi, Delta Upsilon and Phi Delta Theta.

Pi Kappa Phi, Psi Upsilon, Sigma Pi, Theta Xi, Zeta Beta Tau and Alpha Delta Phi also failed to meet fire safety guidelines.

The fire department is granting extensions to fraternity houses demonstrating that they are taking steps to comply with the guidelines.

"They have to submit a plan of action to the office and outline the actions they are going to take to install the fire extinguishing system," said Thomas.

"Timelines for having plans drawn up and the date for instal-

lation have to be considered reasonable."

Besides making sprinkler systems mandatory, the fire department also requires establishments to have fire alarms. Fraternity houses, due in part to lack of funding, are the only housing units falling short of these guidelines.

Sororities have installed these features in their chapter homes. University cooperative housing units have also passed fire compliance guidelines.

Chelsea Hart, spokesperson for the University Students' Cooperative Association, said that fire marshals inspect cooperative housing establishments twice a year.

Some fraternity members are saying that lack of funding, rather than carelessness, prevents them from complying with the guidelines.

"I just hope that the Greek system doesn't look irresponsible," said David Friedman, house manager for Alpha Epsilon Pi.

"We've known about this for five years, but when you're paying rent for living in the apartment, you can't expect to tack on the costs of the sprinkler system to the guys living here."

Sprinkler systems can cost over \$10,000, not including the costs of putting in fire escapes and alarms. Installation of sprinkler systems at fraternity houses, which are often old buildings, is expensive because ceilings must be torn down.

Friedman said that his fraternity has already filed for an extension and is currently in the process of complying with the ordinance.

He estimated the cost of AEP's sprinkler system at \$20,000, saying that the fraternity has kept up to code on other fire codes in the past. Safety fixtures in the house include fire extinguishers and a chemical sprinkler system in the kitchen to douse grease fires.

Tom Clayton, external vice-president of the Interfraternity Council, said lack of monetary support from alumni makes it difficult for fraternities to comply with the fire ordinance.

"Fraternity houses are usually See GREEK page 8

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DeKlerk does not deserve law-school honor, Yale students say

By Karen Kim
The Yale Daily News (Yale U.)

(U-WIRE) NEW HAVEN, Conn. — The memory of South African death squads has sparked a controversy over this year's Harper Fellow.

Protesting the Law School's decision to give former South African President F. W. DeKlerk a University fellowship, outraged students are meeting with the Name Lectures Committee today to ask administrators to reconsider.

DeKlerk is "responsible for several atrocious events," Kianga Ellis LAW '98 said. "He's clearly not anyone who merits honor."

Law School administrators said DeKlerk compensated for his early racist activities by helping to end apartheid.

"Of course it was known to everyone involved that DeKlerk had, at an early stage in his political career, belonged to a white supremacist political party and had himself done, in the service of that party, what no

liberty-loving democrat could approve," Law School Dean Anthony Kronman said.

"But it was also known that he had made a very large contribution to turning South Africa away from its old regime of racial apartheid toward a new democratic system that has resulted with far less bloodshed and anguish

than many had predicted."

South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Committee has accused DeKlerk of lying about his knowledge of the operation of paramilitary death squads during his presidency. DeKlerk has denied these allegations.

"There's a fair bit of factual uncertainty as to what he knew and didn't know, what he did and didn't do," Kronman said.

Last spring, the Name Lectures Committee voted to name DeKlerk — who shared a Nobel Peace Prize with Nelson Mandela — as the next recipient of a Harper Fellowship, which the committee awards to individuals who have made a distinguished contribution to their nation's public life.

Students who oppose DeKlerk's fellowship are launching a campaign to inform students, faculty members, the community and law school administrators of the newest findings of the Truth Commission. Ryan Goodman GRD '01 said students have struck up a dialogue with law school faculty members and have found many sympathetic to revoking the offer to DeKlerk, adding that professors said they were shocked when they heard of DeKlerk's alleged knowledge of the death squads.

"The Law School could get in deep trouble associating with someone who's going down in his-

tory as one of the worst abusers in crimes against humanity," Goodman said.

The controversy has also mobilized law school alumni to oppose DeKlerk's visit.

Ruth Emerson LAW '50, whose late husband Thomas Emerson was a good friend of Fowler Harper, the fellowship's namesake, said Harper would be "spinning in his grave" and called DeKlerk "exactly the kind of person he would've hated."

DeKlerk will speak at the law school in late April during his three-day stay in New Haven.

Kronman said the faculty chose DeKlerk because they felt he was worthy of coming to the law school as a Harper Fellow and as an interesting speaker.

Because the Name Lectures Committee decided to honor DeKlerk months before the Truth Commission's newest report, students say the committee and faculty acted on incomplete information and must now admit they have made a mistake.

Students said they are willing to place additional pressure on the administration by staging protests if their initial efforts to revoke the fellowship offer prove unsuccessful.

Other students said they will ask for a rebuttal period during DeKlerk's April speech.

Committee questions medical use, decides to make drug illegal

By Jennifer Kerr
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — An Assembly committee, rejecting a lawmaker's proposal to make the drug "liquid ecstasy" totally illegal, instead conceded it might have some medical uses.

The Public Safety Committee voted 10-0 Tuesday for a revised bill that would make possession of gamma-hydroxybutyrate or GHB a felony or misdemeanor except with a doctor's prescription. The bill moves to the Appropriations Committee.

"This is not a recreational drug," said the author, Assemblyman Larry Bowler, R-Sacramento. "This is a terrible bathtub brew that kills."

Two other bills to make GHB — a trendy, cheap drug known as an easy high and an aphrodisiac — illegal are pending in the Senate.

GHB, a naturally occurring substance in the body, was synthesized in 1960 as an anesthetic and is a central nervous system depressant. It is an odorless, nearly tasteless drug that produces a high, but can also cause vomiting, tremors and seizures. It is commonly distributed as a white powder or clear liquid that can be mixed into a drink.

In 1991, when it became popular among body builders as a steroid alternative, the federal Food and Drug Administration declared it illegal to manufacture or sell GHB for any purpose. But it is not illegal to possess the

chemical under federal or state law.

The FDA this month issued a consumer warning against the drug, saying it was blamed for dozens of hospitalizations and at least three deaths.

GHB is legally available in the United States for experimental treatment of narcolepsy, a sleeping disorder, and of heroin addiction and alcoholism, according to the committee analysis.

Bowler's bill originally would have put GHB under Schedule 1, a list in state law of drugs that have no accepted medical use and high potential for abuse. Schedules 2 through 4 contain drugs that have medical use and can be prescribed and used by doctors under strict procedures.

The bill was amended, over Bowler's objection, to place the drug under Schedule 2, still making it a crime to possess it without a prescription.

"This still deals with a very serious problem, and on the other hand deals with the point of view that there may be under proper supervision legitimate medical use," said the chairman, Assemblyman Robert Hertzberg, D-Sherman Oaks.

The revised bill "will not prevent its use on streets and in clubs; people will get prescriptions," warned Assemblyman Kevin Murray, D-Culver City. "In my part of the world, people are dying from it on Sunset Boulevard."

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Dutch city searches for entrepreneurs to open private owned pot shops

By Jenifer Chao
Associated Press

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands - Wanted: marijuana merchants to open new drug cafes. Restaurant experience and respect for the law required. Discretion a plus. Apply to City Hall.

Officials in Purmerend are seeking entrepreneurs to run the city's two new drug shops, and said Tuesday they will run newspaper advertisements to find them.

Unlike the nearby Dutch capital of Amsterdam, where nearly 400 privately owned coffee shops openly sell marijuana and hashish, Purmerend has an underground drug network in which a telephone hot line dispatches a courier to make pickups.

"We want to put a halt to that kind of trading," said City Hall spokesman Fred Beijert. The aim

of the new shops, he said, is to tighten control and prevent sales to minors.

In the Netherlands, soft drugs such as hashish and marijuana are technically illegal, but authorities allow privately owned "coffee shops" to sell small amounts for personal use without fear of prosecution.

Authorities claim such coffee shops keep drug sales out in the open where police can better monitor and control the trade.

Beijert wouldn't say where the drugs will come from, and he stressed that the city will not get involved with the supply side of the business.

He said ads announcing the application process for the shops in Purmerend, nine miles north of Amsterdam, would be placed in regional and local newspapers on Thursday.

Applicants must have a "plan of action" to minimize the noise

and nuisance that usually comes with coffee shops, Beijert said.

They also must specify what kind of information they will provide customers on the health hazards of drug use, and restaurant experience is required.

Beijert said a special selection committee will be established and the chosen entrepreneurs will receive an official letter from the mayor permitting them to set up shop.

Other than the two stores, the city will not authorize any other drug outlets.

Known for its tolerant drug policy, the Netherlands has been experimenting with unorthodox ways to keep users off the streets and away from dealers peddling hard drugs like heroin and cocaine.

Several other Dutch towns gained notoriety recently by opening City Hall-sponsored marijuana cafes.

CIA warned Army in 1991 of possible U.S. troop exposure to nerve gas

By Susanne M. Schafer
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The CIA warned the Army in 1991 that U.S. soldiers may have been exposed to nerve gas when they blew up an Iraqi weapons dump, but the Army failed to follow up, the Pentagon acknowledged Tuesday.

A mistake in identifying the Gulf War unit involved caused the matter to be forgotten for four years, the Pentagon said.

United Nations investigators found evidence that American troops may have been contaminated by chemical weapons during the destruction of an Iraqi weapons dump called Kamisiyah in southern Iraq in March 1991. The information was relayed to the Army by the CIA in November 1991, a Pentagon report said.

"U.S. intelligence became aware of the (U.N.) findings in November 1991, but at the time this report did not result in identification of which, if any, U.S. troops participated in demolition activities at Kamisiyah," the report said.

The Pentagon study contains portions of two CIA documents that have been placed on the

Defense Department's World Wide Web site. Those documents show how clear the CIA warning was.

Much of the information contained in the Pentagon report was known previously, but it was the most detailed explanation to date of what happened at Kamisiyah and in its aftermath.

In recent months, the Pentagon has maintained that the intelligence warnings it received were not at all clear, and that they were faced with confusing and contradictory information.

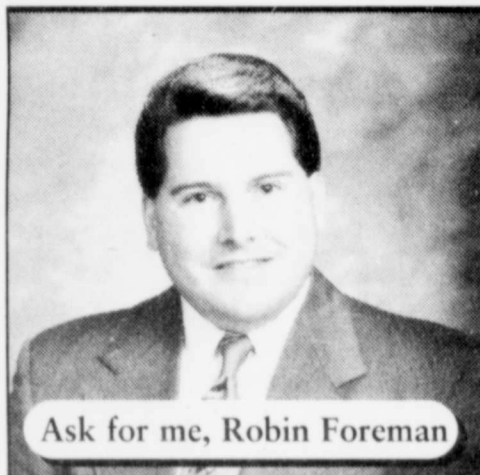
No one died or became seriously ill as a result of the demolition. The Pentagon study also says the Iraqis "were selective in their willingness to cooperate" in providing information about whether chemical weapons were at the site. This "led to the belief that the Iraqis were not telling the truth about chemical weapons being at the site when the demolition occurred," the report said.

Only last year did Pentagon officials acknowledge that more than 20,000 troops may have been exposed to sarin, a highly toxic nerve gas. And that came after a U.N. team revisited the

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OOPS! Correction from Monday's Daily (hey, we're only human).

Mustang Daily regrets two errors. The name of the U.S. District Judge speaking on Friday, February 28 at 1 p.m. at Cuesta College is for the culmination of Black History Month is not John Wayne, it is James Ware. Also, Dr. Peter Geissler will be speaking on Wednesday, Feb. 26 in building 52, room E-26, not Tuesday Feb. 25.



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cheaper than sorority houses, which are also huger," said Clayton. "They usually have 70 members and fraternities have about 30."

Friedman noted that national chapters often own sorority houses, while fraternity homes are leased. Thus, alumni donations funneled to the sorority houses allow them to install sprinkler systems and comply with fire guidelines.

But Thomas said if fraternities cannot rely on alumni support, they must seek funding from outside sources. Otherwise, the chapters face termination.

"The intention is to try to work with the fraternities to help them comply," said Thomas. "Our purpose is not to shut them down."

A trend of fraternity blazes in past years has spurred the fire department's crackdown on safety ordinances.

During Christmas vacation, a fire shut down the Psi Upsilon fraternity. The house's fire alarms were disabled at the time, and the building did not have a functioning sprinkler system.

Psi Upsilon President Chintu Sharma said the fire hit before the fraternity members had time to raise enough money and to take proper precautions to prevent the blaze.

"We were in the process of raising money for a sprinkler system," said Sharma. "We had been sending out a newsletter generating money to install them. We gathered the money, but it was too late."

According to Burastero, fraternity parties present many fire hazards.

During these events, exits are often blocked, protruding objects impede passageways and guests

are often exposed to flammable materials.

"Fraternities typically block a couple of exits, take furniture from the first floor and put it in other rooms or hallways, blocking clearance," Burastero said.

"Then, they try to make a setting, like Tahiti," he added. "They bring in palm branches that are untreated and very flammable. Then they line the walls with black plastic, which burns with the intensity and energy of gasoline. Imagine taking your rooms and lining the walls with gasoline."

Burastero said these hazards pose dangers to Greek members' and guests' safety.

Although the fire department does not typically make inspections on Friday or Saturday nights, when most fraternity parties are held, they may inspect establishments if alerted to possible violations.

"The house president could be held financially and legally responsible," he said. "People don't understand this is a life-safety issue. In the fire department we do everything we can. There's no alteration to the code. We will shut them down."

If a fraternity is unsure whether decorations violate fire safety guidelines, members should arrange to have a fire marshal visit the premises before holding a party, said Clayton, who is a member of Acacia.

"What (Acacia) does, and I suggest other fraternities do, is to call up the fire marshal on the day of the party and have them come out to make sure fire retardants are sprayed on decorations," he added. "That way, your party won't get shut down."

-Kathy Chu of the Daily Californian contributed to this article.

NFL may try replay of instant replay

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. - The NFL is again trying to find a way to make instant replay part of its games.

The league's competition committee, meeting in Tampa in preparation for the general meetings in two weeks, is studying the results of an experiment during the exhibition season last year. It would apply only to out of bounds and scoring plays.

It's also studying a broader proposal submitted by the Washington Redskins that would apply to all possession plays. But the Redskins have submitted a replay proposal since the system was voted out after the 1991 season and it has yet to be approved.

Replay was in effect for six

seasons (1986-91). It was dropped largely because teams felt it lengthened games and left officials tentative as a result of the extra scrutiny.

Last year, there was no vote on replay either by the owners or the seven-member competition committee. But with the agreement of the committee, commissioner Paul Tagliabue instituted an experiment with a limited replay system, that was tried in 10 nationally televised exhibitions.

It was limited to scoring plays and allowed coaches two challenges per half with the referee making the decision based on his view of the play from a monitor on the sidelines. If the referee rejected the challenge, the team loses a timeout.

The system now being reviewed by the competition committee could be broader than that. It needs approval by 23 of 30 teams to go back in, meaning only eight teams have to oppose it.

"We look at everything that's being proposed and try to find the best combination," said George Young, general manager of the New York Giants and the committee's co-chairman along with Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren.

Young has been the most consistent opponent of replay since it was first proposed two decades ago.

"I'm just one vote," he said. "If the owners want to put in a system, they'll put one in."

Andrew Young to assess Nike factories

Associated Press

BEAVERTON, Ore. - Nike has hired former U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young as part of an effort to counter criticism that working conditions at some of the company's Asian factories are inhumane.

Young and his GoodWorks International group are to review a new code of conduct for the shoe and apparel company's overseas factories.

"As an advocate for human rights, I am involved because Nike has expressed its determination to be a leader for positive corporate change," Young said in a statement. "Their commitment can result in growth and opportunity for the communities around the world where they operate."

Nike said Young will evaluate

the code of conduct and determine if subcontractors are complying with it.

Based in Atlanta, where Young has served as mayor, GoodWorks International was developed to promote business involvement in developing countries and U.S. inner cities.

"Andrew Young and GoodWorks International will provide us with yet another level of input and oversight," Nike founder and chief executive officer Phil Knight said.

The factories that produce Nikes are operated by subcontractors, mostly from Taiwan and South Korea.

Nike developed the code of conduct in 1992 and a private auditor is charged with seeing that the code is followed.

There have been widespread

allegations, particularly at Indonesian and Vietnamese factories, that the workers are poorly paid, forced to work long hours and treated cruelly by managers.

Max White, coordinator for the Portland-based Justice Do It Nike organization, said he cautiously approved of Nike's decision to work with Young.

"I'm a longtime admirer of Andrew Young, although I'm not very familiar with his organization," White said. "I consider it a positive move that he be involved in the issue."

White said he hopes Young is able to make an independent review and does not simply conclude what Nike wants him to conclude or see what Nike wants him to see.

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site in 1996 and "conclusively identified debris ... that was characteristic of chemical munitions," the report said.

Because the Army did not follow up on the 1991 CIA report the information was put aside for four years.

The two CIA reports were released earlier this month on the Defense Department site on the Internet.

One of the reports said U.N. investigators, inspecting a part of the Kamisiyah site, "littered with damaged and destroyed sarin-filled 122mm rockets."

A report also pointed out that the damage to the site could not have been done by U.S. aerial bombardment during the war given the discovery of an empty

U.S. crate that contained charges used by American demolition teams.

The CIA report notes that the agency was sending information to the Army "in order to take appropriate action as you see fit as the risk of chemical contamination by 24th ID personnel is a possibility."

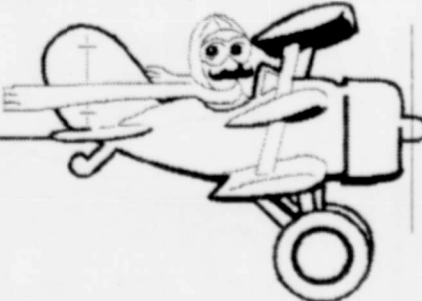
Pentagon officials have said the troops that conducted the demolition were the 37th Engineering Battalion, not the members of the 24th Infantry Division.

The Pentagon official in charge of the investigation into Gulf War illness issues, Bernard Rostker, said last week that a follow-up message seeking information went to the incorrect Army unit, and no further action was taken.



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baseball programs. Fullerton won the College World Series in 1993, while Long Beach was a pitch away from the title in 1991. Priess is optimistic that Cal Poly will be able to compete.

"I think we'll be successful. I think if everyone stays healthy and we get a couple of guys that are at 80 percent, they'll be healthy by that time (beginning of league), I see no reason why we can't be on top of the league."

Priess has every reason to feel confident. Growing up, he played with many of the players that are on Fullerton's team. He feels he has been at that same caliber of play, but now has a team along

side him that equals the talent of other top teams. So now it's an even matchup, he said.

"It's flat out who plays better that day. That's the way it goes," Priess said. "He's (Price) recruited well enough to get us in that position. That's all you can ask for. It's his job to prepare us to play and then it's our job to execute. If we don't execute, we don't win. If we execute, we do win."

With the talent level on the team, the Mustangs are looking to grab a spot in the top 25, and Priess is excited about knowing the team has the opportunity to do something special.

Building a leader

Behind every successful person lies a motivator or hero in whom

that person learns from. Matt Priess is no different.

"My parents have prepared me for life - pretty much for everything well," Priess said. His dad is his "hero."

"He keeps me strong, he gets me focused toward baseball. He always made sure that I've had every opportunity for anything in life, baseball, school."

"My parents get me to work hard to get me into school, getting me a chance to do something."

His parents, Barbara and Bud Priess, make the drive from Brea to attend most of the home games. Matt also has a great relationship with his younger sister, Stephanie, 18.

Priess describes himself as a unique person with a good sense of

humor. One who talks a lot, is fun to be around and is a good friend.

Judging by his teammates' remarks, others find him just the same.

"He is a great motivator," Novi said. "He's a great guy to be around."

Outfielder Ryan Brennan echoed Novi.

"He's flamboyant, a fun character. I like hanging out with him."

Behind the plate

Two of the most important things a catcher does is play defense and handle pitchers. Many times, a good offensive catcher is a bonus, but Priess appears to be coming around in all areas, including offense. He is currently batting .360 with 17 RBI and four home runs.

"I focus on offense, but my strength and the strength of any catcher has got to be their defense," Priess said. "I think it's the most important spot on the field because you've got to control the game. You've got to control your pitchers."

Price said of Priess, "What he does best is catch and throw. There is not a better catcher in California. He's got a professional arm."

Teammate Novi said that he and Priess work well together and usually call their own game.

Together, they have a pact to keep runners from stealing bases. Novi said that while he keeps runners close, Priess has a strong arm to gun them down if they try to steal. Novi added that Priess made sure Novi was aware of the 20 pounds he added in the off-season, which Priess told him would assure them a trip to regionals.

When in trouble on the mound, Novi relies on Priess' motivation to get him back on track.

"When I feel like I can't throw strikes, Priess says 'remember, you're the top guy here. Trust your stuff.'" Novi said.

Zirelli said that many times Priess' words helped him get more focused and get his head back into the game.

Priess said that he tries to get it into his pitchers' head that they can do the job right there. Sometimes it's fixing an obvious problem, keeping them focused, or just pumping them up.

"I've been here a while and I know my pitchers, and that helps," Priess said.

Priess is in his senior season, but has one year of school left to complete his civil engineering degree, but doesn't plan to use that degree immediately following graduation.

"I want to play professional baseball and give it my try — give it my shot. I've pretty much set my whole life on that," he said. "One thing I got from Cal Poly, though, is a chance to do something else I do enjoy, which is civil engineering. That would be after my baseball career is over."

Price sees no reason Priess can't succeed at that level.

"If he continues to make progress offensively, there is no doubt defensively he can play pro ball," Price said.

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MUSTANG DAILY

Priess steps up as leader on the diamond

By Jennifer Cornelius
Daily Sports Editor

The count is two and two, and catcher Matt Priess is at bat. Priess takes ball three and heads down to first base. However, in baseball, you need four balls to get a walk — something Priess momentarily forgot at a game earlier this season.

All Priess could do was laugh at himself as he headed back to home plate, knowing full well he would get an earful once he returned to the bench.

"They got a kick out of watching me screw up," Priess said. "They just laughed at me."

As a veteran catcher of three years on a young team, Priess is rarely the one making mistakes. Rather, he is the one others look to for help. According to teammates, Priess has really stepped into a leadership role this season.

"He helps out pitchers and helps out younger hitters and talks to them about other pitchers," said sophomore pitcher Mike Zirelli. "He's also a good motivator."

Priess' experience behind the plate is also important to the success of the young pitchers Cal Poly has.

"He works well with the young pitching staff," said senior pitcher Jason Novi. "Without Matt, the pitching wouldn't be as good."

A true compliment to someone who only "learned to catch" his senior year in high school. Priess said that prior to his senior year,

he had "just been back there," but didn't really know how to catch.

Water polo had been his most successful sport for four years at Brea-Olinda High School in Brea, Calif., but he decided he liked

played a Friday game and a double header on Saturday. Today, they play Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

"The division II teams had one good pitcher, division I teams — all three were good pitchers," Priess said. "Division II line-ups were two or three guys that swing it versus seven or eight guys that would swing it in Division I."

They won the league, but were denied a shot at regionals, which Priess said is one of his most disappointing moments in baseball.

In 1995, Cal Poly baseball faced a number of changes, all of which Priess witnessed. Ritch Price replaced Steve McFarland as head coach, the Mustangs entered Division I and the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) and the team dealt with a school-inflicted suspension on recruiting. The suspension stemmed from NCAA violations committed by McFarland.

Priess said there were a lot of older guys on the team that didn't know what to expect with the new coach and conference.

"Price is personable and easy to get along with. He brought a lot of energy into the program, and brought good practice skills," Priess said. "He prepares us to play as good as you can be prepared for. He's the best at that."

"Basically, we started over," he added. "We knew we might not play and we had to prove ourselves all over again."

In the Mustangs' first season in the WAC, they finished 21-29 with impressive sweeps over the University of Hawaii and San Diego State. Priess finished the season with a .285 batting average with 10 doubles and 24 RBI.

But Priess felt they just didn't have the depth they needed to replace injured players, which was a result of the recruitment suspension. The team had to deal with the repercussions of the previous staff's actions, which made it difficult on the current team.

"It's unfair to a player's standpoint, but it's fair to an administrative standpoint — setting rules, because if you let one go, you never know what will happen in the future," Priess said. "They lay the law down hard once, nobody will break it."

The 1996 season was a huge success for the Mustangs. They

finished third in the WAC with an 18-12 record, 30-23 overall, in just their second year in Division I.

Priess finished with a .253 average, seven home runs and 35 RBI.

The 1997 season has once again begun with change. The Mustangs entered the Big West Conference, one of the most competitive baseball conferences in

Poly doesn't play big names like USC and Florida State in pre-conference games. Priess said Cal Poly needs to build its reputation before teams like that have a need to play the Mustangs.

"They have big reputations but it all comes down to how good you are that year," he said. "We don't have that reputation yet. This is the year we'll get that reputation."



Daily photo by Michael Toews

Matt Priess



Daily photo by Michael Toews

This is Priess' fourth year as a starting catcher for the Mustangs. He caught in 47 games in 1995 and 48 games in 1996.



Daily photo by Michael Toews

Priess is off to a great start offensively this season, batting .360 with four home runs and 17 RBI. His season total last season in RBI was 35.

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junior college and was set to begin classes, when a coach he had previously played for heard from the Cal Poly coach that there was a spot open for a catcher. Priess came up to Cal Poly, filled out an application and became a Mustang in one day.

"It turned out to be the best decision I ever made," Priess said.

Priess, 22, redshirted his freshman year in 1993, but played in almost half the games in his first year of eligibility.

When Priess started, however, the team looked nothing like it does today. In 1994, Cal Poly was still in Division II. The Mustangs, like any other Division II team,

Clinton to attend Robinson anniversary ceremonies

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton will mark the 50th anniversary of Jackie Robinson's major league debut by attending ceremonies during the game between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the New York Mets on April 15.

Clinton will speak from the field during the fifth inning at Shea Stadium, baseball officials said. Robinson, who played for the Brooklyn Dodgers from 1947-56, broke the major leagues' color barrier when he played his first game on April 15, 1947, against the Boston Braves at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn.

"On the evening of April 15th, the president of the United States will attend the Mets versus Dodgers game up at Shea Stadium which will honor Jackie Robinson on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his first appearance in the big show," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said. "Mrs. Robinson and other members of the Robinson family are

going to be there."

Robinson, who died in 1972, will be honored in many ceremonies around the major leagues. Acting commissioner Bud Selig and Rachel Robinson — Jackie's widow — will hold a news conference in New York on Thursday to announce the plans. Teams will wear patches this season to commemorate the breakthrough, and they will use special balls with a Robinson logo during their home openers in April.

"Major league baseball is elated that the president has accepted its invitation to celebrate the legacy of Jackie Robinson," Selig said. "It is an important day for the game, as well as the nation, as it signifies the breaking down of one of our society's most significant barriers."

ESPN is expected to broadcast the game nationally, several baseball officials said. Network spokeswoman Diane Lamb said that while the network is interested, it had not made a final decision.